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Indomitable American Not Worried
A About Mishap on Monday.

RHEIMS, August 17.—Leaning heavily on a cane and suffering, though uncomplainingly, from a bruise on his right leg, sustained when his aeroplane fell during a practice spin yesplane fell during a practice spin yesterday, Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, to-day superintended the repairs to his damaged machine, and tonight had the satisfaction of seeing it entirely restored and ready for flight. Mr. Curtiss is eager to start inimediately with the trials, but his friends are endeavoring to dissuade him from taking any chances, declaring that he is likely to augment his injury, which would entirely disable him and prevent his participation in the races which begin next Sunday. No surprise will be felt, however, if he resumes his tuning-up spins to-morrow.

Mr. Curtiss describes yesterday's accident as being primarily due to a leak in the gasolene tank, which caused the motor to stop. After this cross currents of air forced him heavily to the ground.

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Three thousand spectators were at aerodrome to witness the tuning-flights to-day of the French entrants, M. Tissandler, in a Wright machine, flew for three minutes, and machine, flew for three minutes, and was followed immediately by M. Lefevre, also in a Wright bi-plane, who rose in the air with the use of a derrick and spun around the field for twelve minutes. M. Deagrange, with a Bleriot monoplane, succeeded in making a brief flight, after having made a false start.

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## WOMAN IS KILLED

Bet Out to Investigate Noise, and Was Beaten to Death,
TERRELL, TEX, August 17.—With her head crushed, the body of Mrs. George Brady, aged fifty-two, was found to-day in a lot near Townton. A butcher limite, unstained, was lying beside the body.

Mrs. Brady, was a recluse and it is beside the body.

Mrs. Brady was a recluse, and, it is presumed, hearing a noise on the premises last night, set out to investigate and was assaulted and killed.

# AWAITING SUTTON VERDICT

DE DOUBLE CRIME

To-Day; Certainly by To-Morrow.

WASHINGTON, August 17.—Early announcement will be made by the angular country of the findings of the court of inquiry which has been holding its sessions at Atnapelis to ascertain the cause of the death of Licutenant James N Sutten, Jr. of the Marine Corps, at that place nearly two years ago

Aunt.

GAY LIFE WHILE

MONEY LASTED

Realized Plight Only When
Funds Ran Low and Then Resorted to Desperate Means to Replenish Store—Prisoner
Signs Typewritten
Confession.

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Hard a Good Time.
Harris further said that he took two quarts of whiskey and 152 in money which Poole had, together with his keys, and went away. Subsequently he went to a fair at Rockville, and then to Washington, where the money taken from Poole was spent. Poole not having been seen for about three weeks, his father became uneasy, and on Sunday began the search which ended in the finding of the body of his, son in his home.

While the stolen money lasted, Harris seems to have given no thought to the possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of the body of his son, however, and needing the house of the crime. Finally realizing something of the body of his son, however, and needing the house of the crime. Finally realizing something of the body of his son, however, and needing the work of the tendence of the crime. Finally realizing something of the body of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of the body of his son, however, and needing the consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizing something of his possible consequences of the crime. Finally realizin

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fish and game preserve, just across the border from here in Quebec, was without the result which she had hoped. The judge declined to grant her re-quest that her brother be allowed to remain at White Plains beyond the day decreed.

# KILLED MAN WITH HOE

Mountain Amazon Attacks Old Enemy and Beats His Brains Out.
CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 17.—
News reached here to-night from Banner Elk, a remote section of Watauga county, of the killing of Alonzo Hardin by Mary Bennett, a mountain amazon. The woman felled Hardin with a hee and then beat out his brains, the victim living until 9 o'clock this morning.

Ing.
There had been bad blood between the two for some time, owing to Hardin's testimony in a trial in which Mrs. Bennett's son was the defendant. Mrs. Bennett passed the man when he was in a drunken condition, and he hurled some epithet at her. She then attacked him.

# BID RAISED IN COURT

Proceedings Twice Interrupted by Re-ceippt of Telegraphic Offers. CASHIER GOES TO PRISON

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North Carolina Man Pleads Guilty and Will Serve Three Years.

RALEGEL N. C. August 17.—The bid of E. Befreeman of Norfolk, for the properties of the Kanawha Lumber Company, now in the hands of receive A. Kimbail, defaulting cashler of the Southern Pines Citizons' Bauking and Trust Company, was arraigned at Cartings in day on a charge of smbergingent and faisifying books. He pleaded guilty; and was sentenced to the penisentiary for three years. He penisentiary for the sacepting he and the sace the penisentiary for the penisentiary for three years. He penisentials and the steamer pentrage by Fire.

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Dry. But Not Quite.

#### CHARLESTON WILL KEEP DISPENSARY

Elections Pass Off Without Inci- Cotton-Growers Find Some Condent and Small Vote Is Polled. Prohibitionists Will Take Fight to New Legislature, Which Meets

in January.

Confession.

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Balthimore. Md., August 17.—Olinating of the Seretary of the Navy In acting on the findings of the court of laquiry, and he may approve or disaptove in whole, or in part, send the case back for further inquiry, or order a new court if in his judgment the case back for further inquiry, or order a new court if in his judgment the creaming that on July 22 he murdered his cousin, Hensen Poole, whose terribly decomposed blody was found on Saurday afternoon in a closet in the little cabin in which he lived alone, near Rock-ville, Monigomery county.

Describes Murder.

The confession, which followed two hours of "sweating" by Baltimore detectives, Harris having been broughthere largely for that purpose, it is said, was taken down by a stenographer and a (typewritten copy of it was signed by the prisoner. He says than he went to Poole's cabin about 8 A. M. on July 22 to buy some whiskey, and that a quarrei arose over the question whether he or Poole put water, in the went to Poole's cabin about 8 A. M. on July 22 to buy some whiskey, and that a quarrei arose over the question whether he or Poole put water, in the went to Poole's cabin about 8 A. M. on July 22 to buy some whiskey, and that a quarrei arose over the question whether he or Poole put water, in the count of the count o lina for the purpose of allowing the voters of each to choose between prohibition and the county dispensary system indicate that the prohibition-lists have won victories in fifteen of these counties. Complete returns from some precincts not reported to-night may change the result in two or three places, but the prohibition has carried in Abbevile, Bambers, Barnwell, Berkeley, Calhoun, Colleton, Dorchester, Fairfield, Hampton, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Orangeburg, Sumter and Williamsburg counties. The dispensary has won in Aiken, Charleston and Richland counties, and is leading in Georgetown and Beaufort.

student at Harvard law school and was president of the board of directors of the Harvard Crimson. He had previously spent two years in study at Harvard and a year at Oxford. His father is Charles G. Fall, a lawyer of this city. He was an only son.

## SPIRITUALISTIC SWINDLE

Woman Gives Fortune to Materialized
Form of Departed Husband.
MEXICO CITY, August 17.—What
they declare to be a gigantic spiritualistic swindle, which has extended
over a period of one year, and which
has nearly impoverished Mrs. DeJesus
Perez, a widow of Colonel Trinidad
Ruiz, has been discovered by the police
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A great fortune, the police say, has been depleted by daily payments by Mrs. Perez to the materialized form of her departed husband.

Madame Dolous Corrade Bay and Professor Hipolito Salazar, a spiritualist, are in prison, and the authorities are making an effort to effect the apprehension of Enquire Bay, husband of the Madame.

## CROPS BETTER THAN SHIPS

Yonkum Deprecates Expenditures for Army and Navy.
SHAWNEE, OKLA, August 17.—Deprecating the growing expenditures which the United States is making in connection with the maintenance of the army and the navy, and declaring that grain and cotton fields are stronger military defenses than warships, N. F. Yonkum, chairman of the executive committee of the Rock Island Company, delivered an address to-day before the Farmers' Union of Oklahoma. Vonkum Depressies Expenditures for

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. August 17.—
Returns from the municipal primary election held to-day indicate that Charles Fickert, for district attorney, is running far ahead of Francis J. Heney for the Republican nomination. Thirty-eight precincts out of 294 give Fickert, 985; Heney, 200.

# CROPS WITHERED, LIFE SAVERS WIN A LOOPHOLE LEFT! MANY PEOPLE DIE BATTLE WITH SEA

South Carolina Nearly Torrid Wave Sweeps After Desperate Strug-Country, Causing Much Suffering.

#### SCORCHING WINDS KILL BOLL WEEVIL

solation, but Large Cities Report Record-Breaking Temperature, With Numerous Prostrations—Big Storm · Said to Be Coming.

CHARLESTON, S. C., August 17.—
Unofficial returns from the elections held in twenty-one of the so-called "wet" counties of South Carolina for the purpose of allowing the voters of each to choose between pro-

FORT WORTH, TEX, August 17.— With the Weather Bureau thermometer registering 111 degrees from 2:15 to 3:15 o'clock this afternoon and street 3:15 o'clock this afternoon and street thermometers in the business districts recording 120 degrees, this was the hottest day in the history of Fort Worth. Suffering of man and beast was intense, and business to a largo extent was interrupted. Scorching hut winds sweeping across the prairies added much to the general discomfort, but no prostrations were reported.

## Une Death in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, August 17.—The first death in New Orleans this summer as a result of the heat occurred this afternoon. Davis Griffith, a seaman, on the Morgan Line steamer Antilles, died within an hour after being prostrated. The maximum temperature recorded at the Weather Bureau to-day was \$5 degrees. was 95 degrees.

NATCHEZ, MISS., August 17.—Local Observer Welr reported to-day the hot-test on record in Natchez, the maxi-

Destroying Boll Weevil,

SHREVEPORT, LA., August 17.— With the thermometer at 104 degrees at 4 o'clock this afternoon, Shreveport sweltered in the hottest weather re-corded in eleven years. The winds corded in eleven years. The winds were stifling, and vegetation wilted. The intense heat is expected to detroy the boll weevil.

Hot at Vicksburg, VICKSBURG, MISS., August 17.—The mercury was 99 at 2 o'clock this after-noon, the hottest of the past seven years. No prostrations have been re-

Mercury Reaches 100.

JACKSON, MISS. August 17.—Loca
Observer Heintz states that to-da
was the hottest recorded here in twyears, and that he has no records be
yond that. The mercury registered 100. There have been no prostrations

Two Deaths in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, MO., August 17.—
Severely hot weather throughout the Southwest gave way to a limited extent to-night before cooling breezes. The day was the most trying Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, had experienced for years. Two deaths were reported at Kansas City to-day.

## Storm in Charleston.

CHARLESTON, S. C., August 17,—
Though it will probably take several days to repair all the damage done by yesterday's wind and rainstorm to the telegraph and telephone lines leading into the city, the Western Union was able, within a few hours after the storm, which occurred about i o'clock yesterday afternoon, to handle practically all business offered it from a temporary office which it established outside the city limits, just beyond the storm zone, and to-night it has succeeded in laying a long line of cable, to resume business in its regular office in the city. The long distance telephone lines are working as usual. The storm did no damage except to blow down telegraph and telephone poles and hock the suburban electric rail-way line.

Nothing Dry About New York.

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NEW YORK, August 17.—All records
for rainfail during the month of
August, as kept by the New York
Weather Bureau, were broken by the
steady downpour that began at 8 A. M,
yesterday and ended this afternoon.
Up to 4 P. M, the precipitation amounted to 5.48 inches. The greatest velocity of the wind was thirty-six miles
an hour.

gle, Succeed in Rescuing Seven Men.

#### SHIP WRECKED IN FIERCE GALE

Captain Mistook Lights in Hotel for Steamer in Midocean and Ran Schooner Aground-Hundreds of Cheering People Witness Heroic

Fight for Life.

die Arkansas. At Little Rock 105 was recorded, and two prostrations were reported.

Vegetation throughout the Shreve-port terrifory of Louisian wilted under the scorching heat to-day. All Tennessee is in the grasp of the wave, and the Weather Bureau thermometor to-day recorded a maximum temperature of 97 degrees at 4 o'clock. A cooling breeze, starting jate in the day, gave promise of relief before morning.

Heat Kilis Five People.

ST. LOUIS, MO. August 17.—Despite a decided drop in the temperature, five more deaths were recorded to-day as a result of the heat. The maximum temperature to-day was 39 degrees.

Vegetation Withered.

LOGANSPORT, LA., August 17.—
Many towns is Louisiana reported temperature of more than 100 degrees during a terrible easterly gale, she because the control of the c temperature of more than 100 degrees of to-day. The thermometer here registered 110 degrees at 3 o'clock this afternoon. In some localities vegetation was withered by the hot dry winds.

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Aside from a broken ankle sustained by the cabin boy and the suffering in-cident to exposure, which all endured, no one was seriously injured.

# MISGOVERNMENT OF CONGO

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Urge, Powers to Take Action. LONDON, August 18.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has written an eloquent

ernment of the Congo independen state. He urges the powers to convene a European conference to deprive Belgium of a trust so dreadfully abused, to make other arrangements for the proper government of the Congo, and to redress or revenge the wrongs inflicted upon its people.

## NO POLITICS IN IT

Indiana Executive Denies That Promi nent Governors Are to Hold Conference. PETOSKEY, MICH., August 17.— Governor Marshall, of Indiana, wher tics, said there was no foundation for the story. He also declared that he considered it out of place for a num-ber of men in a political party to at-tempt to dictate the policy of the

## TO LEAVE JAIL AND MARRY

Young Couple Held in New York for Passing Worthless Checks.

NEW YORK, August 17.—Grace Maidhof and Ralph H. S. Whitney, the young people who have been held in jall here, charged with passing worth-less checks, both pleaded guilty to-day to forgery in the second degree and were temanded for sentence on August 24. They expressed their intention of getting married as soon as they are out of their present trouble.

The Maidhof girl's right name is sald to be Grace Richardson, and it is understood that the came here from California.

#### California NO NAVY AEROPLANES

Acting Secretary Declines to Authorise Purchase of Machines.

WASHINGTON, August 17.—Acting
Secretary Winthrop, of the Navy Department to-day declined to authorize the purchase of two aeroplanes, for
which specifications are on file, and
definite action looking toward the acquirement of these machines for use
by the navy will be deferred until the
return of Secretary Meyer next fall.
Plans for the two machines were prepared by the Bureau of Equipment
about one year ago.

Goes to Prison for Life,
MERIDIAN, MISS., August 17.—The
jury in the trial of R. C. Walton, who
shot and killed W. T. O'Flynn in the
Beavers' Club here on June 2, and
who entered a plea of insanity, to-day
returned a verdict of guilty, as charged, fixing the penalty at life-imprisonment.

A Vulgar Steal, Says Jerome NEW YORK, August 17.—Donald L. Persch, the young note broker, who has been indicted for grand larceny for the sale of mining stock belonging to F. Augustus Heinze, went back to the Tombs to-day accused by District Attorney Jerome of being the manipulator of a "simple, vulgar steal."

## Search for Lost Men.

TACOMA, WASH., August 17.—The offer of a reward by the family of Joseph W. Stevens, of Trenton, N. J., who, with T. V. Callaghan, is lost on Mount Ranler, has spurred mountain-climbers to renewed efforts to find the

#### WILL HAUL FLAG DOWN

Consuls Warn Cretans Not to Interfere

Consuls Warn Cretans Not to Interfere With Landling Party.

CANEA, CRETE, August 17.—The foreign consuls here, on behalf of the international squadron now anchored in Canea Bay, to-day notified the Cretan government that the Greek flag will be hauled down on Wednesday morning, and warned the government that irreparable consequences would follow any attack made o. the international landing party. On receipt of this warning the Cretan authorities issued an appeal to the people not to sued an appeal to the people not to obstruct in any way the action of the powers.

Growing More Serious.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 17.—The Greek boycott has taken a more serious form and is now affecting the Greek steamers arriving here and at Saloniki, Trebizond, Smyrna and other Turkish ports. Many of them are unable to land either passengers or cargoes. The Greek minister has protested to the Porte.

Twelve vessels of the Turkish fleet left Smyrna to-day, supposedly for Crete.

Crete.

The foreign embassies are greatly preoccupied with the relations between Turkey and Greece, which are regarded as having assumed a dangerous ten-

#### RIOTS IN MEXICO

Condition of Unrest Takes Form of Demonstration at One Place.

MEXICO CITY, August 17.—According to a special dispatch from Moreita, capital of the State of Michoacan, to Mexico Nuevo, the official organ of the opposition party, anti-administration riots occurred in that place last night. A party of Corralists attempted to hold a political meeting, and the adherents of Reyes drove them from the hall and converted the gathering into an opposition rally. Ten thousand people took part in the Reyes demonstration, according to the telegram. Many of them were women, who from the balconies of nearby houses shouted, "Viva Reyes; down with Corral!"

No casualties were reported as a re-sult of the Morelia disturbance.

#### TALK ONLY OF PEACE NOW,

Trouble Between Bolivia and Peru Will
Be Settled Amicably.

LIMA, PERU, August 17.—Senor MuJia, the Bolivian minister to Peru, has
issued a statement in which he declares
that all reasonable people in Bolivia
are unanimous in their desire for a
friendly and decorous outcome of the
negotiations to settle the trouble that
has arisen between his country and
Peru because of the adverse finding
to Bolivia in the boundary dispute. He
adds that the new Bolivian government will make every effort to effect
a satisfactory settlement.

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REBEL ALIVE, BUT HIDING Sultan Sends Fifty Hends to Fex for

Public Exposure.

TANGIER, August 17.—Reports received here from the interior confirm
the statement that the forces of Roght, TANGIER, August 17.—Reports received here from the interior confirm the statement that the forces of Roghi, the rebellious subject of the Sultan of Morocco, have been defeated by the imperial troops, but the capture of Roghi himself has not been confirmed. Roghi's influence had been weakened by the report that he had sold the Riff Roghi himself has not been confirmed. Roghi's influence had been weakened by the report that he had sold the Riff region to Spaniards, who desired to exploit the mines there. After the retreat of his men the rebel fied to the mountains. The troops of the Sultan took 150 prisoners. Fifty heads have been sent to Fez for public exposure.

FIGHTING EXTRADITION

Came of New York Woman Dragging Slowly Through English Court.

LONDON, August 17.—The case of Mrs. Eleanor Beattle, who is wanted in New York on a charge of grand larceny, made by a jewelry house, and who is opposing extradition, is dragging wearlly through the court.

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# EARTHQUAKE IN LISBON

People Much Alarmed, But No Casual-ties or Damage Reported.
LISBON, August 17.—A strong earth shock was experienced here at 2:20 o'clock this morning. The people of the city were much alarmed, but there have been no casualties, and no damage has been reported.

Shocks Felt in Alps.
MILAN, August 17.—Two earth shocks
of short duration were felt in the
Alps to-day. No damage was done.

## KING WANTS TO FIGHT

Spanish Ruler Auxious to Go to the Front. MADRID, August 17.—King Alfonso is taking the keenest interest in the war in Morocco, and all of Premier Maura's influence is required to prevent him from going to the front. His Majesty writes daily to officers at Melilla whom he knows personally, Netther King Alfonso nor any member of the royal household has participated in any entertainments or rejoicing since the war has been in progress.

## KING TO WED PRINCESS

Daughter of English Duke to Become Queen of Portugal. LISBON, August 17.—Although no official announcement concerning the matter has been made, the newspapers insist that King Manuel's visit to England in the autumn is connected with his betrothal to Princess Alexandra, daughter of the Duke of Fife.

New Ocean Liner,

LONDON. August 17.—The Cunard Steamship Company is inviting tendors for a new trans-Atlantic liner. The new ship will not be as big as the Lusitania or the Muuretania, which she is intended to replace when these vessels lay up for repairs. Death of George Pleat.

PARIS. August 17.—The death of George S. Picot, permanent secretary of the Academy of Sciences, is an nounced. He was born in 1838. Barcelona Quiet Again. BARCELONA, August 17.—The state of slege declared during the revolt was raised to-day.

# AMERICANS PUSH WAY INTO TURKEY

Industrial Invasion of Empire Planned for Near Future.

#### WILL GET SHARE OF CHINESE LOAN

Long-Discussed Matter Definitely Settled in Peking Yesterday. State Department Officials Say Result Augurs Well for Future-Knox to Make Statement.

Washington, August 17.—An
American industrial invasion
of Turkey seems to be a near probability. The Department of State is in receipt of information to the effect that efforts are being made by various American enterprises to obtain concessions in Turkey, which, if successful, will involve the outlay of a very considerable amount of capital for investment in the Ottoman Emerican for investment in the Ottoman Em-

pire.
Since the promulgation of the Constitution in July, 1908, foreign capitalists have been keenly interested in endeavoring to secure a further share in the anticipated industrial awakening of Turkey. The lack of adequate facilities for communication and transit, of lighting and telephone plants, of harbor and irrigation works, gave reason to believe that the parliamentary tary government would be ready to remedy these deficiencies. The new regime, however, has not been very rompt in granting the desired conces-

government Ownership.

The wave of nationalism which has lately swept over the country has caused many to believe that the Turk-

Railway now stops, to Van via Sivas and Harpoot, with transverse branches to the Mediterranean, where a port is contemplated, as well as to Diabekir and Moscul. The original project on the Bagdad Railway was partly through the same and Moscul. the Bagdad Rallwa

Another American company is en-deavoring to secure the concession for the building of a railroad from Alex-andretta to Aleppo, and thence to the headwaters of the Euphrates. Still another is working to obtain the telephone concession at Constantinople.

on a very favorable footing in com-parison with that of other powers. Recently the Minister of Public Works of the Ottoman Empire publicly announced that important negotiations were proceeding with an company which he felt would be satis factory. It is understood that these negotiations are proceeding rapidly and, if consummated, will mean unquestionably a great victory for A lcan enterprise and prestige in near East.

## GETS SHARE OF LOAN

United States to Aid in Building Chi-

nese Rallway.

PEKIN, August 17.—American participation in the Hankow-Sze-Chuen Rallroad loan was definitely settled at the offices of the foreign board this the offices of the foreign board this morning by Henry P. Fletcher, the American charge d'affaires, and Liang Tun-Yen, president of the board. The loan is to be increased from \$27,509,000 to \$30,000,000, and of this latter amount American bankers are to get one-quarter, the other three-quarters going to British, French and German interests.

ests. Americans are to have equal oppor Americans are to have equal oppor-tunity to supply material for both the Sze-Chuen and the Canton' lines and the branches. They will appoint subordinate engineers, and they will have also one-half of all future loans of the Sze-Chuen Railroad and its branches, with corresponding advan-tages.

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Details to Be Soon Completed.

The details of this settlement will be arranged after the arrival here the end of this week or Willard D. Straight, the representative of the American financiers interested. The protest lodged by Mr. Fletcher against the completion of the loan with British, French and German interests alone will be withdrawn, and an edict issued authorizing the signature of the undertaking. The entire question will then be conclusively settled.

The settlement reached to-day prevents actual American investment in the abandoned Hankow-Canton iline, but nevertheless it is the opinion here that American capital has been placed on an equality with other capital in China.

Attitude of Government Attitude or Government.
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 17.—
Secretary Knox, who is now on his way
to New York, contemplates making a
public statement hearing on the general subject of American participation the Chinese railway loan. It will